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House Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
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Senate No. SJR0209  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kenneth Fieldon Hudgens,  
Executive Director, National Commodore Club.

WHEREAS, it was with a profound sense of loss that Vanderbilt University athletic fans, sports fans in general, members of the media and members of this body learned of the death of Ken Fieldon Hudgens, who had served commendably as Executive Director of the National Commodore Club since July, 1990, expertly building their fundraising efforts into one of the premier programs in the country; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chattanooga, Ken was a three-year starter for the University of Tennessee baseball team, batting .389 and earning All-SEC Eastern Division honors as a sophomore; and

WHEREAS, he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Tennessee. Upon graduation, he played pro baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies organization in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Ken served with distinction as coordinator of basic education and neighborhood youth programs for the Anderson County (Tennessee) School System prior to coming to Vanderbilt, receiving numerous commendations for his work; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Vanderbilt Athletic Department in 1973 as an assistant football recruiter and assistant baseball coach and in the latter capacity was an important part of the Commodores 1974 SEC championship baseball team; and

WHEREAS, Ken was promoted to academic coordinator and football recruiting coordinator in 1976 and remained in that role through 1982; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his exceptional ability and proven record, he was made assistant athletic director for business and served admirably in that position for eight fruitful years, until becoming the Executive Director of the National Commodore Club; and

WHEREAS, under his dynamic leadership, NCC membership reached an all-time high, with more than 5,100 members, the very successful priority seating plan was started and fundraising reached over 3.7 million dollars in 1994; and

WHEREAS, he was married to Mary Ruth Hudgens of Brentwood and had two children, a son Kris F. Hudgens and one daughter Kim F. Hudgens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of a man who was a calming influence in the often stormy world of college athletics; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Ken Fieldon Hudgens and express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.